

The Hon. Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

1. EDGAR ALEJANDRO ZATARAIN
RODRIGUEZ,
2. IKER DANIEL CASTILLO SARABIA,
and
3. MATEO DE JESUS GONZALEZ,

Defendants.

NO. CR23-136RSL

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

This matter, having come to the Court's attention on the parties' stipulated motion for entry of a discovery protective order, and the Court, having considered the motion, and being fully advised in this matter, hereby enters the following PROTECTIVE ORDER:

1. **Protected Material.** For purposes of this Order, "Protected Materials"

1 shall include sensitive materials that disclose personal identifying information (“PII”)¹
 2 obtained during the investigation, including but not limited to personal information about
 3 witnesses, victims, and third parties, and other sensitive information obtained during the
 4 investigation (collectively, the “Protected Material”). Any produced Grand Jury
 5 transcripts will be considered Protected Material without further designation by the
 6 government. Other information believed by the government to be Protected Material will
 7 be so designated by the government. Said material may include, but is not limited to,
 8 *Giglio* impeachment materials.

9 **2. Production of Protected Material to the Defense.** The United States will
 10 make available copies of the Protected Materials, including those filed under seal, to
 11 defense counsel to comply with the government’s discovery obligations. Possession of
 12 copies of the Protected Materials is limited to attorneys of record and investigators,
 13 paralegals, law clerks, experts, and assistants for the attorneys of record (hereinafter
 14 collectively referred to as “members of the defense team”). Further, the attorneys of
 15 record are required, prior to disseminating any copies of the Protected Materials to
 16 members of the defense team, to provide a copy of this Protective Order to members of
 17 the defense team and obtain their agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions of
 18 this Protective Order.

19 **3. Review of Protected Material by Defendant.** The attorneys of record and
 20 members of Defendants’ defense team may share and review the Protected Material with
 21 a Defendant. When a Defendant resides at the Federal Detention Center (FDC), they will
 22 be permitted to review the Protected Material, consistent with the regulations established
 23 by the BOP for such material, with or without his counsel in a controlled environment at
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25 ¹ “PII” includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the information identified in Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1(a) and includes
 26 full names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers (or other identification information), financial account
 27 information (including account numbers), tax information, driver’s license numbers, addresses, telephone numbers,
 28 locations of residences or employment, medical records, school records, juvenile criminal records, and other
 confidential information. The government has endeavored to redact PII as appropriate, but the parties acknowledge
 and agree that this will not always be possible, and that in some instances un-redacted PII may be necessary to the
 defense.

the FDC, but will be prohibited from printing out, copying, or disseminating the material. If a Defendant is on pretrial release, they will be permitted to review the Protected Material at the office of his counsel, or via a video conference call, but will be prohibited from printing out, copying, or disseminating the material.

4. **Limits on Dissemination of Protected Materials.** The attorneys of record and members of the defense team acknowledge that providing copies of the Protected Material to a Defendant and other persons is prohibited and agree not to duplicate or provide copies of the Protected Material to Defendant and other persons. This order does not limit employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington from disclosing the Protected Material to members of the United States Attorney's Office, federal law enforcement agencies, witnesses, and the Court. Nor does this order limit employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington from disclosing the Protected Material to defense counsel as necessary to comply with the government's discovery obligations.

5. **Future Production of Additional Protected Materials.** Additional types of discovery items may be deemed by the parties to constitute Protected Material upon agreement, or (if no agreement can be reached) by further order of the Court.

6. **No Waiver.** Nothing in this order should be construed as imposing any substantive discovery obligations on the government that are different from those imposed by case law and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The failure to designate any materials as provided in paragraph 2 shall not constitute a waiver of a party's assertion that the materials are covered by this Protective Order.

7. **Use of Protected Material in Court.** Any Protected Material that is filed with the Court in connection with pre-trial motions, trial, or other matter before this Court, shall be filed under seal and shall remain sealed until otherwise ordered by this Court. This does not entitle either party to seal their filings as a matter of course. The parties are required to comply in all respects with the relevant local and federal rules of criminal procedure pertaining to the sealing of court documents.

1 8. **Non-Termination.** The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the
2 conclusion of this prosecution. Furthermore, at the close of this case, defense counsel
3 shall return the Protected Material, including all copies of the Protected Material, to the
4 office of the United States Attorney, or otherwise certify that the material has been
5 destroyed.

6 9. **Violation of Order.** Any person who willfully violates this order may be
7 held in contempt of court and may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as deemed
8 appropriate by this Court.

9 10. **Modification of Order.** Nothing in this Protective Order shall prevent any
10 party from seeking modification of this Order or from objecting to discovery that it
11 believes to be otherwise improper. The parties agree that in the event that compliance
12 with this Order makes it difficult for defense counsel to adhere to their Sixth Amendment
13 obligations, or otherwise imposes an unworkable burden on counsel, defense counsel
14 shall bring any concerns about the terms of the Order to the attention of the government.
15 The parties shall then meet and confer with the intention of finding a mutually acceptable
16 solution. In the event that the parties cannot reach such a solution, defense counsel shall
17 have the right to bring any concerns about the scope or terms of the Order to the attention
18 of the Court by way of a motion.

19 11. **Agreement to Provide Copies of Protected Material to Defendants.**
20 Upon agreement of counsel for the government, members of a defense team may provide
21 copies of specific Protected Material, or redacted versions of such material, to a
22 Defendant. When seeking the government's agreement to give such a copy to a
23 Defendant, members of the defense team will identify with reasonable particularity,
24 including (where available) the specific bates numbered pages and or recording
25 descriptions, the specific material defense counsel proposes to give to a Defendant.
26 Unless expressly stated otherwise by the government, copies of Protected Material to be
27 provided to a Defendant will continue to be Protected Material subject to all of the
28 protections of the Court's Order, with the sole exception that a copy can be given only to

1 a Defendant (and not shared with anyone else outside the defense team). If counsel for
 2 the government and counsel for a Defendant cannot reach agreement on whether
 3 particular portions of the Protected Material or redacted versions of Protected
 4 Material should be given to a Defendant under these conditions, defense counsel may
 5 raise the issue with the Court by way of a motion.

6 12. **No Ruling on Discoverability or Admissibility.** This Protective Order
 7 does not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any particular material is properly
 8 discoverable or admissible and does not constitute any ruling on any potential objection
 9 to the discoverability of any material.

10 13. **No Ruling on Timing of Production.** This Protective Order does not
 11 require the government to provide particular discovery at a time or in a fashion
 12 inconsistent with applicable law.

13 The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide a filed copy of this Protective Order
 14 to all counsel of record.

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 16 DATED this 18th day of October, 2023.

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19 ROBERT S. LASNIK
 20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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 22 Presented by:

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